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## NDP on 'right track' to get back to balance

**Budget.** Nova Scotia's net debt equals \$14,000 for every man, woman and child in province

The Nova Scotia New Democrats say they will "work very hard" to balance the books in the next fiscal year.

Finance Minister Maureen MacDonald told reporters Thursday that the government is on track to be back in the black in 2013-14. But she said that target — set out when the NDP first came to power in 2009 — will be very difficult to reach.

"We've worked very, very hard and some of the things we've done have sometimes met resistance," MacDonald said.

"It's going to be a challenge but I'm very optimistic that we're on the right track, and if we continue on this track we will be back to balance in the spring."

### Quoted

"Implementing our four-year plan hasn't been easy, but it's been worth it."

Finance Minister Maureen MacDonald



million — and a provincial election is likely before that budget is tabled.

MacDonald's language was somewhat more reserved than her predecessor, Graham Steele, who up until his resignation in May remained adamant the books would be balanced by the end of this government's first mandate.

That caused some opposition critics to question the likelihood, if not the desire, to return to balanced budgets next year.

"I would say they're within \$250 million of a balanced budget today, but once they factor in deferred costs ... they're actually much further away from that," said Liberal MLA Andrew Younger.

Tory MLA Chris d'Entremont added: "I see a marked difference between the previous minister's statements ... and what this minister is saying about going back to balance. And I don't think they can do it."

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## FESTIVAL HOOPLA

Hula-hoop expert Judith Lanigan of Australia performs on the Halifax waterfront during the opening night of the Halifax International Busker Festival on Thursday. The festival runs through Aug. 12. JEFF HARPER/FOR METRO

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# Laundering, proceeds of crime charges follow major drug bust

## Financial activities.

A 'significant investigation' for crime proceeds investigation section, RCMP say



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Following the money after a major drug bust last year, the RCMP laid 20 charges Thursday related to money laundering and proceeds of crime.

Back in October 2011, nine people were charged after a large-scale drug bust where marijuana, cocaine, hash, cannabis resin, \$185,000 in cash and nine vehicles were seized.

Sgt. Duane Cooper with the Integrated Proceeds of Crime

### What was seized?

Condominium on Springvale Avenue in Halifax; stock market account valued at \$50,000; 2004 Acura TSX; 2003 Harley Davidson motorcycle; 14 karat white gold diamond ring; men's Brielting watch; Trek Madone road bicycle; \$178,950 in Canadian currency; and \$12,765 in American currency.



Jacqueline Garnett

JEFF HARPER/FOR METRO

unit said red flags became obvious when they looked at the case.

One of the nine people charged, Sean Decker, a 41-year-old from Halifax, was put under the microscope.

"In this case the only person who really stood out to us as a person who had accumulated assets was Sean Decker," Cooper said. "The other ones didn't at the same level."

So began a nine-month investigation into Decker's financial activities.

In February police seized several assets including a condo on Springvale Avenue in Halifax, a large amount of cash, a \$50,000 stock market account, a Harley Davidson motorcycle, a 2004 Acura, and several other items. In all, police estimate they seized about \$750,000 worth of property associated to Decker.



Sean Decker covers his face while leaving a Halifax provincial courtroom on Thursday afternoon. JEFF HARPER/FOR METRO

The items were seized early in the investigation so they couldn't be hurriedly sold off, Cooper added.

"That's what led up to (Thursday) when we laid charges for the items and the information before the courts," he said.

Decker is facing 11 charges

including possession of the proceeds of crime and money laundering. Jacqueline Christine Garnett, 33, of Halifax is facing eight similar charges. Both Decker and Garnett appeared in court Thursday and are both due back on Nov. 29.

Since it's before the courts, Cooper couldn't say how Deck-

er and Garnett are connected or specifically how the money was allegedly laundered. But Cooper said the stock market account was associated to the laundering charges. He added laundering is as simple as using cash from the sale of drugs to buy a house or car and making it appear legitimate.



The car, cash, condo and motorcycle that police say were seized for being proceeds of crime. CONTRIBUTED/RCMP

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# Natal Day could be soggy, but still lots of fun

**Showers in the forecast.** Running races, children's activities, concerts all on long-weekend bill



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The most anticipated festival of the year combining a parade, pancakes, music, fireworks and community camaraderie is underway.

But already the weather is playing havoc with the Alexander Keith's Natal Day Festival. Unfortunately Mayor Peter Kelly was unable to show off his impressively fast cake-cutting skills at the kickoff at Grand Parade at noon Thursday.

According to Environment Canada, showers are expected for Friday, Saturday and parade-day Monday.

"It makes life interesting doesn't it?" said Tim Rissesco, chair of the festival committee. "We'll roll with it with what we get. It's an aspect to living on the coast is that the weather can roll in and roll out."

He said most events will go ahead rain or shine.

The fireworks off the MacDonald Bridge on Saturday night might be pushed back to Sunday, but if the rain knocks out the fireworks on the Halifax Common on Sunday or at Lake Banook on Monday, there will be no rain date.

While all the favourite events are back again this year, there are a few new items in the agenda. Hometown favourite Wintersleep is headlining the free concert on Saturday night at Alderney Landing.

And the official Natal Day Pancake Breakfast on Monday is at a new location this year: Hydrostone Park. The parade is starting in the Hydrostone neighbourhood before crossing the MacDonald Bridge and finishing at Sullivan's Pond.

"Some buskers from the Halifax International Busker Festival will be out to entertain the crowd," Rissesco said of the pancake breakfast.

"And there's another thing to highlight: the location of the Sea Cadet Ceremony of the Flags on Monday evening. It says on the brochure it's at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic but we've moved that up to Grand Parade."

## Open/closed on Monday

- Halifax Shopping Centre, Mic Mac Mall, Sunnyside Mall and Bedford Place open from noon to 5 p.m. Scotia Square is closed.
- NSLC stores in HRM open from noon to 6 p.m., except in Scotia Square, which will be closed. NSLC retail stores outside HRM open regular business hours.
- Metro Transit is extending its Alderney Landing ferry service for Natal Day weekend, but Woodside Ferry will not be operating Saturday through Monday.
- Conventional bus, Access-A-Bus and Beaver Bank community transit will operate on holiday schedule.
- MetroLink, MetroX Tantalion, and Porter's Lake and Sambro community transit will not be in service.
- No regular garbage collection. Instead it will be picked up on Saturday, Aug. 4.



A Halifax regional fire mascot waves to the crowd during last year's Natal Day parade. METRO FILE

## Police dog bites alleged truck thief during arrest

A police dog bit a 21-year-old Eastern Passage man fleeing from police early Thursday morning after he and another person allegedly stole a pickup truck.

Police say at about 2:30 a.m., an RCMP officer came upon the 21-year-old and a 22-year-old man from Dartmouth with a Ford Ranger pickup truck.

According to police, the two men fled when approached by the officer. They were then found and arrested thanks to the help of a Halifax Regional Police Service Dog.

According to Halifax RCMP spokeswoman Const. Tammy Lobb, the 21-year-old suffered a minor injury after being bitten by the police dog during his arrest.

The 21-year-old appeared

## Treated on scene

- Police say the man bitten by the police dog was treated on scene by paramedics, then taken into custody and held there until his Thursday court appearance.

at Dartmouth provincial court Thursday for multiple charges including theft of a motor vehicle, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 and resisting arrest.

The 22-year-old was released on a promise to appear in court at a later date. He is charged with theft of a motor vehicle and possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000. ANDREW CALEY/FOR METRO

## 230-metre bulk carrier

### Province seeks revised plan for stranded ship

The Nova Scotia government says it expects a revised work plan within the next couple of days for the dismantling of a ship that ran aground off Cape Breton more than 10 months ago.

The MV Miner ran aground off Scatarie Island on Sept. 20, 2011, while being towed to a scrapyard in Turkey.

New York-based Bennington Group was hired to remove the derelict ship, which was supposed to start in July and be completed before the traditional onset of hurricane season in September.

Energy Minister Charlie Parker says he expects the Bennington Group to provide a revised plan on how it intends to remove the ship within the next two days.

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## Alleged target unharmed

### Fox River man charged with counselling to commit murder

A 74-year-old Fox River man has been charged with counselling to commit first-degree murder.

Amherst RCMP say Melville Taylor was charged following a short-term investigation by the RCMP Northeast Nova Major Crimes Unit and the Cumberland County Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Team made up of police from RCMP, Amherst and Springhill. Taylor also faces a charge of counselling to commit aggravated assault.

The intended victim in the alleged incident, a 45-year-old man from Fox River, was not harmed.

Police arrested Taylor in Amherst on Wednesday. He made a brief appearance in court Thursday and was released on bail. He returns to court on Aug. 21. AMHERST DAILY NEWS

## Upgrades part of 10-year plan. Airport fees on the rise at Halifax Stanfield

Construction at the airport is ramping up again, meaning an increase in the passenger fee.

As part of their 10-year capital plan, the Halifax Stanfield International Airport is upgrading a number of areas at the airport including the check-in halls, baggage handling, the main runway, replacing three emergency response vehicles, and roadways.

"These improvements are required to meet the needs of our current and future passengers and visitors, allowing us to compete effectively for new business and to adapt to the long-term needs of our airline partners," said Tom Ruth, Halifax International Airport Authority president and CEO, in a release.

The authority is raising the cash to pay for the up-

## By the numbers

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The dollar amount increase in airport fees next year.

grades by reinvesting their operating surpluses, borrowing, and increasing the airport improvement fee.

The fee will be increased to \$25 from \$20 as of Jan. 1, 2013 and will be added to the cost of departing airline tickets.

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## Province may have to tender roadwork because of paving plant delays: Minister

Roadwork planned for Nova Scotia for this year may have to go to tender because of delays with the province's \$3.6-million mobile asphalt plant, the transportation minister said Thursday.

Maurice Smith said he is arranging to prepare tenders, if needed, to pave 90 kilometres of roads.

"Let's take it easy. Let's go slow. Let's get it done right," Smith said. "Anybody who was expecting to get their pavement done this year, it's going to happen. So I'm not concerned about that. I'm disappointed, I'd like to see it out more quickly, but it will get going."

Last year, the government awarded a \$3.6-million contract to Florida-based General Combustion Corp., to build a portable asphalt plant. It was



Chris d'Entremont  
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scheduled to be operational by the end of June, but Smith said technicians are continuing to "work out the bugs."

He said he doesn't know if it will cost more to go through the tendering process than it would if the government could proceed using the portable asphalt plant.

"Who knows?" he said. "Until the tenders come in, we don't know what it's going to cost."

The private sector and the opposition parties have criticized the government's plan to get back into the paving business since the decision was an-

nounced in March 2011, after 18 years of farming the work out. At the time, the province said it wanted to address unfair pricing and a lack of competition for project tenders in some rural parts of the province.

Progressive Conservative house leader Chris d'Entremont issued a statement on Thursday again criticizing the government's decision.

"The NDP government has proven itself incompetent beyond belief, and now taxpayers are paying the price for their bumbling efforts to compete with private companies," he said.

"It's time for the minister to be honest about whether or not his government's misadventures will cost taxpayers even more this year."

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## NDP optimistic about future of wind turbine plant, despite downturn

The province remains hopeful that a wind-farm parts manufacturer will generate more jobs, even though it's fallen short of anticipated employment targets.

The government announced in 2010 that it would invest \$60 million as part of a \$90-million refit for the former TrentonWorks railcar plant after it was bought by Korean-owned Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering. At the time, it was said that up to 500 people could be employed at the plant in its first three

years.

But Percy Paris, the economic development minister, said Thursday he believes it employs only 66 people so far. "I don't know if disappointment is the right word," he said. "I remain optimistic."

Paris noted the global wind-farm market has taken a downturn since the deal was announced two years ago, but said he is confident more jobs will be created.

"I'm satisfied in the relationship, the partnership that we have with this inter-

national company. I've got all the confidence that we will see good jobs here well into the future."

But the Opposition Liberals said DSTN, the Daewoo subsidiary of which the government has a 49 per cent equity stake, was a bad investment.

"I think that the lack of demand will continue to plague this venture," economic development critic Geoff MacLellan said, adding the government's investment has amounted to almost \$1 million per job. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Amy Cotton, right, fights Audrey Tcheuméo of France on Thursday during the women's minus-78-kilogram judo competition at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. NG HAN GUAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Olympics over for Amy Cotton

### Fight to the finish.

Judique judoka defeated in opening round at London Games

### Agony of defeat

"I went in there 100 per cent to win the fight. Afterwards, it killed me, not winning the fight. I was completely broken, you could say."

Amy Cotton

In the end, a single point stood between Amy Cotton and an Olympic victory.

Cotton, 32, of Judique, was defeated by world champion Audrey Tcheuméo of France in the opening round of the women's minus-78 kilogram division on Thursday morning at the ExCel London Exhibition Centre. The loss eliminated her from the 2012 Olympic Games.

Cotton was given a warning for her defensive play midway through the fight. With 43 seconds remaining, Tcheuméo scored a yuko throw to tip the bout in her favour.

Cotton tried to mount a comeback as the match came to a close, but ran out of time.

"It was a heartbreaker, I guess you can say," she said Thursday from London. "It was the toughest match to date for me, mentally and physically. Being at the Games and her being the reigning world champion, I had so much I had to do in the fight. I was prepared and all ready for it, but that one split second that she got that point, it killed me. With less than a minute left, it was so hard to get it back."

Tcheuméo, 22, was the No. 2-ranked judoka in the division worldwide, while Cotton, the oldest member of the Canadian judo team, was ranked No. 9.

She felt she left everything on the floor in her final Olym-

pic bout. "I'm very happy with how I fought. The penalty that was given to me was a penalty to get either one of us to attack or do something else. I just happened to be the one who got it."

Cotton says she is grateful for the support she has received in reaching the Games, especially from her parents, Danny and Debbie Cotton, who were at the match.

"There's no words to describe the appreciation I have for my parents, my family and my supporters back home in Cape Breton and Nova Scotia," Cotton said. "I'm just so grateful for everybody back home, for everything everybody has done for me." CAPE BRETON POST

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## Salaries over \$100,000. Public sector entities now must disclose them

Nova Scotia is now the fourth province in Canada that requires public sector organizations to disclose salaries over \$100,000.

A number of large public sector entities have already complied with the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act, introduced in 2010 by the NDP.

Finance Minister Maureen MacDonald told reporters Thursday she expects all organizations to be in compliance later this fall.

"By Sept. 30 of this year, public sector organizations are required to disclose individual compensation of more than \$100,000," MacDonald said.

About 35 organizations released information about those salaries Thursday afternoon. They include a number of organizations that commonly appear on the front page including district health authorities, school boards, and economic development outfits.

Nova Scotia Business Inc. CEO Stephen Lund, for instance, took in a salary of \$225,000 in 2011-12. Trade

### Organizations affected

A full list of organizations falling under the act can be found at [novascotia.ca/finance](http://novascotia.ca/finance).

Centre Ltd. CEO Scott Ferguson was paid \$174,494 over that same period.

Universities are also subject to the new regulations.

Colin Dodds, the president of Saint Mary's University, took in \$291,094 last year, while David Smith, who resigned from the financially troubled Nova Scotia College of Art and Design earlier this year, was paid over \$241,000.

Bret Mitchell, who oversees the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation, was compensated to the tune of \$226,488. Steve Snider, head of Halifax Harbour Bridges, made over \$148,000.

Under the legislation, public sector entities have six months from the end of the fiscal year in March to release salary information.

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# Minister, Liberals spar over spending

## Economic development.

Percy Paris "disappointed" in opposition charge



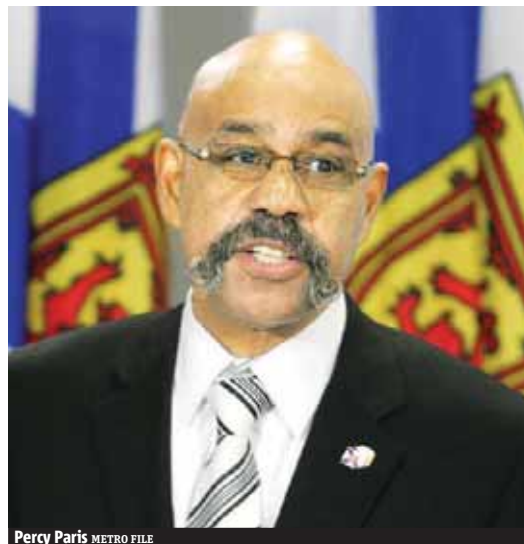
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Percy Paris is defending his department against opposition attacks that millions of dollars have been wasted on companies that have subsequently laid off workers.

Speaking to reporters on Thursday, Paris said he was "disappointed" with the opposition Liberals' characterization of the spending.

"With the investments that we have made, in combination with investments that have been made over the last seven years, there's been \$80 million revenue that's been generated for the province of Nova Scotia," said Paris, whose government took power three years ago. "That can't be overlooked."

Paris was responding to attacks from the opposition Lib-



Percy Paris METRO FILE

erals, who point out only 66 people are working at DSME Trenton — a company that received \$60 million from the provincial government and expected to employ 500.

That works out to around \$1 million a job, Liberal MLA Geoff MacLellan said.

"We gave a foreign multinational corporation \$60 million, received a minority share

### By the numbers

# 66

The number of people currently working at DSME Trenton, according to the Liberals.

in the venture it created and this government watched while the company laid off 66 employees," MacLellan said in a release.

But Paris said the opposition is bending the fact of the matter — the unrepayable loan component of that money is only around \$4 million.

Paris did acknowledge he hoped DSME, who manufacturer wind turbine components, would be performing better.

"Certainly when we started the partnership, the global market looked different than what it does today. This is still a start-up," said Paris.

"If we could foretell the future, if we knew where the energy market is going in terms of windmills ... I'm not sure if DSME would even be talking to us."

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HRM Recycling Plant Closed Monday, August 6 <sup>th</sup>	➔	HRM Recycling Plant Open Saturday, August 4 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 am to 6 pm

Collection services can begin as early as 7:00 am. To ensure collection, residents may place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day. For more information on HRM's composting and recycling programs, check your 2012 collection schedule, visit our website at [www.halifax.ca/recycle](http://www.halifax.ca/recycle) or call our information line at 490-4000.

The HRM's Residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot will be Closed Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, but will be Open on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm.



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# Our race to reclaim the seas

## Man-made islands.

Overpopulation and environmental threats are prompting nations and entrepreneurs to develop artificial floating cities



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"Our state is small and crowded," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his cabinet in June. "Artificial islands entail many opportunities for the State of Israel."

Israel is following the examples of Dubai and Japan in creating new territory at sea. The government has plans to build artificial islands off major cities for military, industrial and residential use. Indeed, across the world, incentives such as overpopulation and environmental threats are prompting nations to develop the possibilities.

In some cases it is a matter of survival, as with the Maldives islands on the Indian Ocean, whose people are frantically seeking to build artificial territories before rising sea levels force them out.

Existing man-made islands have had mixed results. While the largest, Flevopolder in the Netherlands, has become a thriving business and tourism hub, Dubai's World Islands

### Unscpted isle

**"There are almost no regulations for floating communities."**

Edwin Blom, project leader for Dutch floating island company Dura Vermeer



Island for one? A mock-up of an Orsos luxury island. CONTRIBUTED/ORSOS

have stalled due to the staggering \$14-billion investment and the fact the islands are beginning to sink.

Dutch construction company Dura Vermeer is designing the FLOATEC floating community using polystyrene foam as a base for buildings. "All technical challenges have been met," project leader Edwin Blom says.

Leisure and business agendas are beginning to drive development. In July, Austrian company Orsos began selling its first luxury private "islands" — large yachts that can be towed anywhere — and claims to have thousands of requests.

Peter Thiel, the billionaire co-founder of PayPal, has announced his intention to build a "libertarian utopia" on a new island with no taxes or welfare and freedom from laws, a scenario Blom says highlights the potential for chaos.

New islands are planned to exploit gas fields in the Arctic and Mediterranean, but conservationists say artificial islands have a disastrous impact on marine ecosystems.

"Things are being put in place so quickly we don't know what is going to happen," says Peter Sale, a marine ecologist at the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health. The race to reclaim the sea could yet become a battleground.



Going Dutch: A graphic representation of artificial islands constructed in the Netherlands. CONTRIBUTED/DURA VERMEER

### Floating homes

The world's most well-known artificial islands:

- **Lake Titicaca, Peru/Bolivia** The Uros people have been living on islands made of reeds on the lake for centuries.
- **Thilafushi, Maldives** The Mal-

dives solved its overcrowding problem by filling a lagoon with 330 tons of trash and building industrial plants on top. Leaking asbestos has caused problems.

- **Spiral Island, Mexico** British artist Richard Sowa built this

floating home and eco farm from recycled material.

- **Sealand, U.K.** Paddy Roy Bates seized a Royal Navy fort in 1967 and has lived on it since, trying to gain secure nation status.



The floating islands of Lake Titicaca have supported human habitation for centuries. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

## Proposal. Ice as land?

Russian scientist Alexander Bolonkin has studied floating cities and believes the best solution for residential living is an ice base. It would be transferred from the Arctic and "protected from warm water with air film balloons," he said, adding the environment would be perfect for agriculture and energy could be harnessed from the ice to keep costs down. Bolonkin is seeking an investor but has had little interest. "The main problem is that the project is too new," he said.

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## Vikileaks. Disgraced former Liberal aide working for party again

A Liberal staffer who resigned in disgrace after splashing lurid details of a Conservative cabinet minister's messy divorce all over Twitter in response to the Harper government's Internet snooping bill has resurfaced with the party.

Former Parliament Hill aide Adam Carroll is now working at Liberal party headquarters. But a spokeswoman wouldn't divulge any details about his new gig, saying in an email: "We simply do not comment on personnel."

Tweets disclosing Public Safety Minister Vic Toews' divorce file spurred political intrigue earlier this year, as speculation abounded over the identity of the person behind the Vikileaks30 handle.

Carroll quit his job in the Liberal research bureau once he was identified as the source of the account. He told a parliamentary committee this spring that he set up the Twitter account in direct response to the Conservative government's online surveillance legislation. He also insisted that he acted alone.

Toews infuriated critics when he said that oppos-

### Reaction

Toews' office accused the Liberals of knowing all along that Carroll was behind Vikileaks.

- Email from Toews spokesman Mike Mueller. "This dramatic reversal ... suggests that Carroll acted with the full knowledge and consent of the senior ranks of the Liberal party.... It's clear now more than ever that Mr. Carroll did not act alone, as he claimed."

ing the bill put them on the side of child pornographers. Carroll called Toews' language polarizing. "I took an approach that, put simply, argued if the minister feels strongly that he should know everything about us, perhaps we should know more about the man who wants unrestricted access to our information," Carroll told the committee. "To make the point further, everything I posted was from publicly available documents."

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## Royal visitor stops by Canada House

Prince Harry meets a young Olympics fan at Canada House during the 2012 Summer Olympics on Thursday in London. During the surprise visit, the prince sat down with those gathered near a big-screen television to watch Canada row to a silver medal in the women's eight. Harry's visit stirred up some buzz on Twitter, particularly for those who missed out on the chance to rub shoulders with royalty. "SO JEALOUS!!!" tweeted women's soccer player Kaylyn Kyle, who earlier at the Games posted "How does one meet Prince Harry? #lovesomereadhead". Prince Harry spent about 20 minutes in the building near Trafalgar Square, in the heart of London.

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### RCMP class action

## Former Mountie speaks up

Another former RCMP officer is alleging she was sexually harassed on the job as a class-action lawsuit against the national police force got its first hearing in court.

Valerie MacLean says a higher-ranking male officer spent months goading her to be friendly and enter a relationship with him because doing so would be a good career move. MacLean is one of 200 women who have come forward in the suit.

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### Seen on Hwy. 401

## Trucker's driving puzzles police

Police pulled over a truck driver who was allegedly working on a newspaper brain teaser while driving on Highway 401 in Chatham-Kent, Ont. Police say the driver was so focused, he didn't notice them for more than a minute.

Daniel Irons, 54, of St. Thomas, Ont., is charged with distracted driving.

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# Annan steps aside as Syrian conflict rages on

## United Nations.

Former secretary-general frustrated by a lack of backing from Security Council

Frustrated by Syria's escalating civil war, Kofi Annan announced Thursday that he will quit his high-profile role as special envoy to the country at the end of the month, giving reasons that amounted to scathing criticism of world powers' failure to unite to stop the chaos in the Arab state.

He also asserted that Syrian President Bashar Assad must leave office for the good of his country.

Annan told reporters that when he accepted the job, "which some called 'Mission Impossible,'" he wanted to help the international community, led by the UN Security Council, find a peaceful solution to the crisis. The goal was to stop the killings of civilians and human rights abuses, as well as to place Syria on a path toward political transition.

"The severity of the hu-



Kofi Annan speaks during a press briefing at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Thursday. Annan is stepping down as chief mediator in the Syrian conflict. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

manitarian costs of the conflict, and the exceptional threats posed by this crisis to international peace and security, justified the attempts to secure a peaceful transition to a political settlement, however daunting the challenge," Annan said.

But the former UN secretary-general told reporters that he cannot go on when the New York-based, 15-nation Security Council doesn't fully back him, particularly because of the stalemate between its five veto-wielding

members: Russia and China on one side, the United States, Britain and France on the other.

Annan's announcement coincided with Arab countries dropping a demand that Assad resign in the latest draft of a symbolic UN General Assembly resolution that faces a Friday vote in New York.

The watered-down resolution further illustrated the international struggle to build an effective diplomatic approach to Syria's civil war.

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## Holmes. Psychiatrist tried to bring alleged shooter to school's attention, report says

The university psychiatrist seeing the young man accused in last month's Colorado theatre massacre repeatedly tried to discuss her patient with a campus behavioural and security committee nearly a month before the attack, but the group never convened, a new report said.

KMGH-TV, citing sources it did not identify, reported Wednesday that psychiatrist Lynne Fenton called mem-

bers of the University of Colorado team about graduate student James Holmes in early June. It wasn't known what Fenton wanted to discuss, the station said.

Holmes dropped out of the university on June 10. He was arraigned Monday on charges of killing 12 people and wounding 58 in a rampage at the opening of the new Batman film on July 20.

Legal experts have said

Holmes' mental state will play a key part in the case.

KMGH reported that campus officials did not contact Aurora, Colo., police before July 20 and that the committee didn't meet to discuss Holmes because he had begun the process of dropping out of school.

The university said Wednesday it could not discuss the report, citing a court order. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Suspected gunman James Holmes is seen in a courtroom sketch.

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Michael Rafferty is transported from a courthouse in the back of a police cruiser in London, Ont., on March 14. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Rafferty appeals conviction

### Tori Stafford murder.

It is not uncommon for those who receive a life sentence to appeal

#### Lawyer wanted?

- It's not clear whether Michael Rafferty has a lawyer. Dirk Derstine, his lawyer for the original trial, told the London Free Press in June that he would not be Rafferty's appeal lawyer.

Michael Rafferty, the man sentenced to life for the killing of eight-year-old Tori Stafford, is appealing his conviction on grounds the judge failed to properly instruct the jury.

In the appeal received by the Court of Appeal for Ontario on July 26, Rafferty also says the "jury failed to apprehend the evidentiary requirement to convict for first-degree murder."

If a new trial is ordered, he would like a trial by jury, Rafferty wrote from prison.

Rafferty missed the 30-day deadline to appeal his conviction but asked for an extension, attributing the delay to "inability to use the telephone to contact legal counsel."

Rafferty, 31, was sentenced May 15 in the abduc-

tion, rape and murder of the Woodstock, Ont., girl.

Tori went missing on April 8, 2009, triggering one of the largest manhunts in Canadian history. Rafferty and Terri-Lynne McClintic, then lovers, were arrested a month later and charged.

Tori's remains were found on July 19.

McClintic pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison in April 2010.

Rafferty's trial, with shocking twists and turns, lasted 10 weeks. The jury took about a day to render a guilty verdict.

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#### Mix-up

### Family buried wrong baby

The New York City medical examiner's office says it is responsible for an error that resulted in a family burying someone else's stillborn baby in their native Poland in June.

Justyna and Rafal Sliwa told the New York Post newspaper they were notified of the mistake July 6.

Information on the other family was not made public. A spokeswoman for the medical examiner's office, Ellen Borakove, says the babies had "strikingly similar names."

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## Tablet update. RIM launches new PlayBook for faster networks

Research In Motion is launching its new PlayBook tablet for advanced networks that will have a faster Internet experience, giving the Canadian tech company an updated product to sell before its new smartphones come to market.

RIM's latest PlayBook will be launched next week — in Canada first — and is designed for wireless networks with speeds equivalent to high-speed home Internet services on land lines.

The 4G LTE PlayBook tablet computer will be available Aug. 9 at Rogers, Bell and Telus — Canada's three largest carriers.

RIM said Thursday the price of the new PlayBook, which has 32 GB of memory storage, will depend on the region and provider. But Telus said it will sell for \$549.99.

The new PlayBook is also ready for corporate email systems and keeps business information secure and separate from personal information, RIM said.

However, PC Magazine analyst Sascha Segan said any anticipation is for RIM's next generation of smartphones

### Restructuring

- There are reports that RIM will shutter its few company-owned North American retail stores and reveal details of 3,000 jobs to be cut under a previously announced restructuring plan by the BlackBerry maker.
- A source familiar with RIM's retail presence said Wednesday that the company's last existing storefront in Michigan will soon shut down, as well as nine airport locations.

called BlackBerry 10.

"Consumers are past the PlayBook now and they're waiting to see what happens with BlackBerry 10," said Segan, lead analyst for mobile devices.

The BlackBerry 10 smartphones, expected to be even more like mobile computers, are due out in 2013, about a year later than RIM had announced — leaving the company with an older inventory of smartphones to sell.

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## Canada warms up to Appleton rum

Appleton marketing manager Peter Hottmann, pictured, is spearheading an aggressive new advertising campaign that is boosting the 263-year-old rum brand's fortunes in Canada. Thanks to a man-about-town approach and a sexy TV ad that focuses on prospective drinkers instead of the product's Jamaican roots, in just a few months sales of Appleton Estate rum are up 10 per cent and growing across Canada. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### Alternative fuels

## Candu expands deal with China

Candu Energy said Thursday it has signed an expanded agreement with China National Nuclear Corp.'s subsidiary companies to continue work on using recycled uranium and thorium as alternative fuels for new reactors.

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# Enbridge confident it can meet B.C.'s demands



Operations co-ordinator Doug Rotzien works at the Enbridge Pipelines oil terminal facility in Hardisty, Alta. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pipeline and utility company Enbridge is confident it can meet all of the safety demands of the B.C. government for the company's proposed Northern Gateway pipeline project, chief executive Patrick Daniel said Thursday.

"We feel absolutely confident that we can do that," Daniel told a conference call to discuss the company's latest quarterly results.

The B.C. government said last month the company must include "world-leading" plans to prevent and respond to a marine or land oil spill

as well ensure aboriginal and treaty rights are addressed in order to win the province's support.

The province also wants to receive what it calls a "fair share" of the economic benefits that reflects the risk borne by the province.

The comments by the company came as it reported a second-quarter profit of \$11 million or a penny per share on \$5.72 billion in revenue, down sharply from \$302 million or 40 cents per share on \$6.94 billion in revenue a year ago due to unrealized losses

on a hedging program.

Excluding one-time items, Enbridge reported an adjusted profit of \$277 million or 36 cents per share, up from \$258 million or 34 cents per share a year ago.

The average analyst estimate had been for 38 cents per share of adjusted earnings

and \$5.18 billion in revenue, according to figures compiled by Thomson Reuters.

The company attributed the year-over-year improvement in adjusted earnings to increased contributions from its Canadian Mainline and Spearhead Pipeline.

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## Notice of Airport Improvement Fee Change

Effective January 1, 2013, the Airport Improvement Fee (AIF) at Halifax Stanfield International Airport (HSIA) will increase to \$25 from \$20.

This adjustment will be reflected on airline tickets sold on or after October 1, 2012 for Halifax passengers whose flight departs on or after January 1, 2013.

The AIF is added to the price of each airline ticket sold to departing passengers.

HSIA Airport Improvement Fees are used to help support capital projects and major infrastructure improvements such as extension of the main runway; upgrades to baggage handling and baggage screening systems; expansion of both the domestic/international and the U.S. preclearance check-in areas; replacement of emergency response/fire vehicles; and reconfiguration of airport roadways to increase traffic capacity.



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**1** Fifty Shades of parody. My fave parody of Fifty Shades of Grey is housed on Twitter, @50Shed-sofGrey, which already has more than 70,000 followers

since launching. It describes itself as "erotica for the not-too-modern male." Sample tweet from this 'shed porn': "We tried various positions — round the back, up against a wall . . . but the bottom of the garden was the only place for a really good shed." Lol.

**2** The Campaign. Will Ferrell and Zach Galafianakis made a stop in Toronto Monday to promote their political comedy The Campaign (out Aug. 10). They pulled out all the stops — including a red carpet screening of the movie and a visit to the Hockey Hall of Fame, where they showed up not in a limo, but on a Zamboni. Great campaigning Canadiana style.

**3** @stats\_canada. The hilarious new Twitter account @stats\_canada pokes fun at Statistics Canada — and the whole notion of demographic statistics and what relevance they have to Canadians. With tweets like "70% of Canadians believe Gordon Lightfoot is a yoga position," and "At any given time, 3 million Canadians are on a Timmie's run," this is a 99.9999 per cent must follow.

**4** Bengals can't tweet. The NFL's Cincinatti Bengals have been banned from tweeting during training camp at the stadium by their coach Marvin Lewis to try and help them focus while they work out the next few weeks. Holy social media crackdown! What's next? No phone calls either? I don't get it.

**5** Big Brother. A national casting call for the first Canadian edition of Big Brother began this week. The show will launch on the Slice network this winter, and applicants can apply at bigbrothercanada.ca. I couldn't apply to the upcoming Bachelor Canada (I'm married), but maybe I'll take a crack at this — or hold out for a Real House-husbands of Canada.

**6** Jonah Lehrer. The writer resigned from his staff writer position at The New Yorker after he admitted to making up Bob Dylan quotes for his best-selling non-fiction book Imagine. Where will Lehrer and the book go from here? The answer, my friend is blowin' in the wind. But a hard rain's a-gonna fall.

**7** Snoop Lion? 40-year-old Snoop Dogg announced this week that, 1) he is longer rapping (he's switching to reggae) and 2) he's changing his name to Snoop Lion after a spiritual and artistic rebirth while in Jamaica where he was given the new moniker by Rastafarian priests. This is one heck of a mid-life crisis.

**8** Milos Raonic. In an epic four-hour long Olympic tennis match, Canada's tennis star came out on the losing end to France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-3, 3-6, 25-23. The third set was three hours long. As sports journalist Bruce Arthur tweeted during the match, "17-17, Tsonga serving. What a glorious moment it will be when Raonic or Tsonga's son wins this match one day."

**9** Brady Bunch. Fans of the 70s hit show The Brady Bunch are salivating at the prospect of the show making a comeback. With Vince Vaughn as executive producer, CBS is apparently developing a reboot of the cult comedy. If this goes well, will remakes of Three's Company, Welcome Back, Kotter and WKRP in Cincinnati be waiting in the wings?

**10** Canadian medals. In perhaps one of Canada's most exciting Olympic-medal wins this week, our relatively inexperienced men's eight rowing team made a dramatic surge in the final 500 metres of the 2,000-metre race to overtake the hometown Brits and win a silver. Almost better than gold. Beauty moment, eh?

**11** Baby mama drama. A new love and relationship reality series with the working title Single and Pregnant is casting in the United States for single and pregnant women. It's being cast by the team behind Jersey Shore. This could be the end of pop culture.

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## Land of Arctic aliens



NICCOLÒ BONFADINI/SOLENT

### Landscaping

#### Stunning photo of otherworldly landscape

Who is guarding the frozen north?

Judging by this mysterious photograph, these giant 'ice worms' sprouting out of the ground.

This incredible yet surreal picture actually shows trees buried in thick snow, on a landscape located close to the Arctic Circle.

Metro spoke with Italian photographer Niccolò Bonfadini on his eerie, yet striking image.

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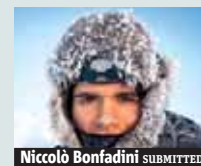
### Behind the lens

- Bonfadini took this stunning shot while camping alone in Finland's beautiful Riisitunturi National Park. "I was blown away by the otherworldly landscape, everything was white as far as the eye could see. Everything was frozen," he told Metro.

- The young photographer of course faced many challenges in this barren frozen world. "What made the trip harder than average was the fact that I was completely alone. But I prefer it like that, I don't like crowds," he said. "My backpack weighed about 30 kilograms. What I ate

consisted of powdered, freeze-dried food. And the temperature can go as low as -40 C."

- "The morning I took this picture was a very special one," Bonfadini said. "I had slept with my tent on top of a hill to watch the sunrise. An eerie mist was forming around the trees, enhancing the mysterious atmosphere. The three trees were standing right in front of me. They immediately appeared to be like sentinels to me. That is why I decided to name the photograph 'Sentinels of the Arctic.'" He added: "Some thought they were volcanic eruptions and clouds. To me they seemed to be alive like



Niccolò Bonfadini SUBMITTED

frozen people."

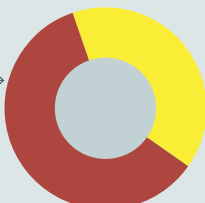
- "I used both a medium format analog camera and a Canon DSLR camera. Some graduated neutral density filters placed on the lens helped me achieve this result. By placing the filter's darker side against the sky it helped to retain more details in the lighter parts of the image by keeping their luminosity down."



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### Twitter

@Frank\_Mag:

I wish we could do a just Halifax/ Nova Scotian version of Big Brother. Screw the rest of the country, how hilarious would that be?

@chambers83:

Damn! I feel so bad for Amy Cotton. Wish that the fighters @ Olympics could have more than one fight before being eliminated.

@APfam:

There's a deer in my yard and I

want to go hide in my basement for fear he will crash thru my window. #coffeeshopPTSD #halifax

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Kate Beckinsale in *Total Recall*. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# All chase, no sci-fi

**Total Recall.** Too busy to be boring, this remake is a decent action flick, but falls flat as a paranoid sci-fi mind-bender

**Richard:** Mark, the original *Total Recall* was simultaneously beaten up on release for its level of violence and praised for its complex story. The same can't be said for the remake. The body count is still high, but the story plays more like a high-tech version of *The Fugitive* than a sci-fi mind-bender. It's a pretty good chase movie, but the sci-fi falls flat.

**Mark:** As does the storyline, the characters, the dialogue, and most importantly, the satire. It's too busy and kinetic to be a boring movie, but you don't care much about why all the carnage is taking

place. I loved the original, Richard, but it had a nice, slow build and was a sly "mind-bender" as you call it. I don't know why they had to attempt a remake, unless it was to see what would happen if you put a real actor in the lead. But, sorry, it's Schwarzenegger 1, Farrell 0.

**RC:** Farrell is much more of an everyman than Arnold was, but I thought he pulled off the running, jumping, shooting and stabbing well enough. I was more taken, though, with the female characters. The original treated women like window dressing but here Kate Beckinsale and Jessica Biel are given meaty, action-packed parts. Beckinsale uses all the tricks she learned on the Underworld movies, kicking butt and taking names in every scene she's in, and while Biel won't need to wake up early on Academy Award day, she hands a physically energetic performance.

**MB:** I liked Biel, but Beckinsale's one expression wore thin on me quickly. I did like the production design, though it was clearly influenced by *Blade Runner*. I liked the elevators that move vertically and horizontally, the flying cars were great (and actually looked credible), but the army of bots looked so much like George Lucas' droids that I expected Jar Jar Binks to show up in a cameo.

**RC:** Ha! Beckinsale may only have one expression, but it's a pretty good one. As for everything else, it seems to me the movie values violence and action above all — more than story, humour or even the legendary three-breasted hooker who is glimpsed for all of two seconds. This movie clearly appreciates bullets over breasts.

**MB:** Good to know where you stand on that one, Richard! I wouldn't call it a bad movie, but a missed opportunity.

Synopsis

Set in a dystopian world where most of the planet is uninhabitable, Farrell plays a troubled factory worker desperate to escape a life of grinding drudgery. Without telling his wife (Kate Beckinsale) he goes to Rekall Corp. to have a virtual vacation. They sell implanted memories, like video games for the mind. But something goes wrong and soon our hero is thrown into a deadly world of intrigue where he can't be sure what is real and what isn't.

- Richard: ●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●

Philip K. Dick, who wrote the original story decades ago, was a master of the paranoia missing from the remake, and I'm pretty sure the master would not approve.

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# Bourne heads back to the box office

## The Bourne Legacy.

Actress Rachel Weisz talks to Metro about her latest flick, doing her own stunts and all that running

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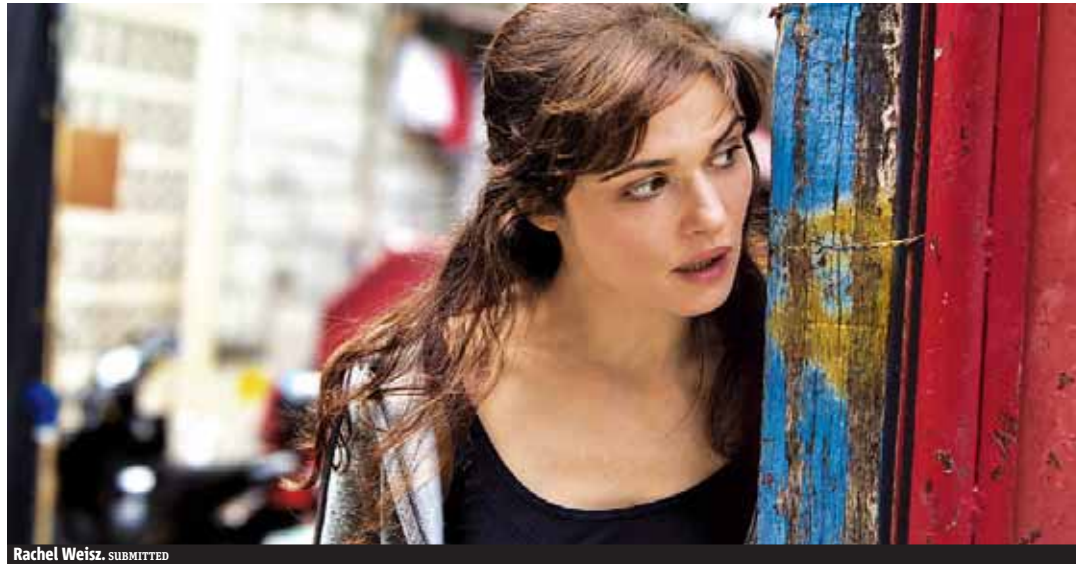
Metro World News in Hollywood

An affirmed fan of the Bourne series of movies, British actress Rachel Weisz says she needed little convincing to sign up for the latest, *The Bourne Legacy*, which sees Jeremy Renner take over for Matt Damon as a special agent going up against the secret government program that trained him.

But one thing Weisz didn't count on with playing government scientist-turned-accomplice Dr. Marta Shearing was the amount of running that would be involved.

**Your character seems to have a more interesting character arc than Jeremy Renner's.**

She's got a great arc. (She starts) as someone who's mor-



Rachel Weisz. SUBMITTED

ally blinkered about what she's doing and is told not to ask questions, which suits her just fine because if she started thinking about what she was doing, I think she would know that she's very morally compromised. So to go from this morally comprised, really f—ed up scientist living in this big

house without a man, and then ... to see her become a warrior — she decides that she wants to live, and she rises to the occasion, which is kind of cool.

**When you first read the script, did you realize exactly how much running was involved?**

No. I kind of skimmed through the action pages and was reading the character stuff and story stuff. Because actually action sequences don't read that interesting on the page, and a lot of that was choreographed later. No, I didn't realize there was going to be that much running. It's a lot of running,

a lot. I've never done anything that's this realistic, so something like *The Mummy*, for instance, is a completely different tone and genre. It's like a spoofy B-movie funny-horror-send-up kind of thing. So this required something completely different because it's just very, very, very realistic.

**Did you enjoy the stunt work?**

I did, yeah. I mean, some were terrifying. We really did almost all our own stunts, and there was no green screen, so it was real. We were shooting in real locations, so they're shutting down the freeways of Manila, and it's me on the back (of a motorcycle) holding on to Jeremy and there's 200 stunt cars driving. There's just so many elements, so many things that could go wrong. It wasn't just my ability to hold on. I wasn't acting in those scenes, I was just terrified.

**Speaking of Manila, working in film can be a great way to see the world.**

Definitely. I mean, it's very different being somewhere and working there than being somewhere as a tourist and being on holiday because you're hopefully relaxed when you're on holiday. When you're working you're quite tense and highly strung and your mind is really on the work. You can't curl up with a novel on the beach or whatever. But yeah, I've seen a lot more of the world. Manila was a fascinating city.

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Comedy



Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days

Director. David Bowers

Stars. Zachary Gordon, Steve Zahn

In the latest adaptation of Jeff Kinney's popular books, Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days focuses on lazy Greg Heffley's aimless summer vacation. Most notably, he tells his parents he got a job to cover up sneaking into a country club. Harmless but hardly inventive, the film may improve upon the franchise's previous outings, but without a solid narrative Wimpy Kid seems as restless as a hyperactive adolescent on summer break.

STEVE GOW

Quoted

"I would say really the only time it came into play was the three years of trying to get the movie made. Being an executive producer and a co-writer and knowing it was such a great part for me to be able to play, it was hard to keep taking the blows of the thing getting set up and then the thing crumbling. It was tough, but once I got on set, for me my only challenge that I wanted to tackle was doing a good job in the role and carrying the film, so I had to really shut all the other stuff down, you know?"

Parks and Recreation star Rashida Jones, who co-wrote and appears in the new film Celeste and Jesse Forever

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This is an example of an apparently new doom-drone genre called distroid.

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### Angels/The xx

Here's the first taste of a Coexist, the minimalist Mercury-Prize-winning band's second album.

Pairs well with a cold chardonnay after sunset.  
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### Sixpack/ Jeff the Brotherhood

Neither of these guys is named Jeff nor are they brothers.

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Bob DiPiero has written hits for every major country music star out there today. GETTY IMAGES

## Country in his heart

**Bob DiPiero.** With a wealth of hits on his shelf, he isn't the most familiar face but has the credentials

**LINDA LABAN**  
Metro World News

Bob DiPiero isn't a household name, but he's probably had more No. 1 hits than the country music superstars who've fronted his songs, like McGraw, Brooks & Dunn and Strait. But it isn't the fact that

he's had, oh, 15 No. 1 hits and countless other charting songs that surprises DiPiero. It's that he's still in the game.

"The thing that most amazes me is that I'm still doing this 30 years from the first song that I ever had recorded, which was by Reba McEntire. That's like three lifetimes in a songwriter's career," DiPiero half-jokes. "It's my love and my passion, so I just feel lucky every day I still get to write songs."

The CMA board member also helmed the annual songwriter's tour, basing it on Nashville's Bluebird Cafe's

in-the-round songwriter sessions, which similarly feature the people behind the hits with big stars often dropping by. Last summer, Kenny Chesney sat in on a tour stop and this year Carrie Underwood does likewise.

"Kenny really has a songwriter's heart. That's the key to these shows, especially when we have these iconic performers like Kenny and Carrie. They are both songwriters, they are both involved in writing their songs and choosing their songs. They take a seat at the shows with the right credentials."

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# Slipknot ready to soldier on after sudden death of bassist



It's been more than two years since Slipknot suffered the loss of founding band member and bassist Paul Gray. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Compilation album.** Masked metal stars release new disc of fan favourites to honour memory of their band member Paul Gray

It's been more than two years since Slipknot suffered the loss of bassist Paul Gray, but lead singer Corey Taylor says the band isn't ready to put their masks down. They're ready to continue on.

"We had lost one of the founding members of our band and one of the key musical and creative forces

**Quote**

"It was shocking. I needed time to figure out what it all meant and what we should do."

Corey Taylor  
Lead singer, Slipknot

and a brother," says Taylor, 38. "It was shocking. I needed time to figure out what it all meant and what we should do."

Together, the band decided how they would continue without Gray. They chose to honour his memory by releasing a compilation album chronicling the last 12 years of their music. The album, *Antennas to Hell*, is meant not only to be a tribute to the late Gray, but also to the band's fans.

He says it was easy to pick the songs for the album, which was released on July 24, including fan favourites *Wait and Bleed* and *Psychosocial*, one of his favourites.

"It's a song that never ends," he says. "We would get to the end of the song and the guys would launch right back into that (first) riff just because it's so much fun to play."

Slipknot's remaining eight members took to the stage last June for its Memorial World Tour, which was dedicated to Gray.

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## Aaron Sorkin. Defends The Newsroom's 'warts' to TV Critics Association

Aaron Sorkin hears your criticism. The creator of The Newsroom acknowledges the commentary that the female characters on his behind-the-scenes drama about a 24/7 cable news channel are written as smart, yet functionally incompetent. He just doesn't have the same opinion.

"I 100 per cent disagree with it," Sorkin told reporters gathered at the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Wednesday. "I think that the female characters on the show are, first of all, every bit the equals of the men. We plainly see (women) being good at their job beginning with the first episode. ... The men and the women screw up in roughly the exact same way."

Once their intelligence has been established, Sorkin says, he likens his character's screw-ups to slipping on banana peels.

"That's just comedy," he said. "These are people reaching unrealistically high, and they're going to fall down a lot. Those are the things that I love writing, writing romantically and idealistic, and it's by no means a review of how the news was done."

Star Jeff Daniels, who plays news anchor Will McAvoy, stood by the creative decisions made by his boss.

"We come on with these big warts and flaws," Daniels says of Sorkin's characters, "and I love that about his writing. Emily (Mortimer's character) is established as smart, and then she keeps screwing up. That's one of the things that Will loves about her."



Aaron Sorkin doesn't agree with the critics of The Newsroom.  
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### Quote

**"I think that the female characters on the show are, first of all, every bit the equals of the men."**

Aaron Sorkin  
On The Newsroom's characters.

One thing some critics don't particularly care for about Will is his habit of pontificating. Though grand monologues have always been a hallmark of Sorkin's work (from The West Wing to The Social Network), the writer has been accused of using Will as a mouthpiece for his own strong opinions.

"I want to make a clear distinction between me and the characters that are in the show," Sorkin told reporters,

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# Munn not ready for leading lady role yet

**Hollywood.** Star of The Newsroom and Magic Mike credits her success to following around some of the industry's biggest stars

Olivia Munn prides herself on working with three powerful S names in Hollywood: Jon Stewart on The Daily Show, Steven Soderbergh in the film Magic Mike and Aaron Sorkin on HBO's The Newsroom. But to hear her tell it, she's still an up-and-comer — and maybe a bit of a cheat.

"I kind of follow where they're going. 'Oh, (if they're on board) then that's probably a good script.' It's probably a cheat that way," she joked in a recent interview. "You guys do the homework and then if I'm lucky enough to be able to work with you then I will."

The 32-year-old actress has had a busy summer. Besides Magic Mike she has a new film out called The Babymakers, co-starring Paul Schneider, formerly of TV's Parks and Recreation.

On The Newsroom she plays Sloan Sabbith, a business reporter at the fictional Atlantic Cable News where Jeff Daniels' Will McAvoy has the flagship newscast. As in any Sorkin venture, there's an intense amount of dialogue to spout out, often at a rapid-fire pace. Munn says her trick is to memorize not



Olivia Munn stars alongside Jeff Daniels in HBO's hit series The Newsroom. HANDOUT

### Quote

**"It took a long time to convince my Asian mother that I could do it."**

Olivia Munn  
On convincing her mother she could be a movie star.

only her part, but also the other character's lines to internalize the big picture.

"I refuse to be the person who is gonna come in and forget my line. Like if (Daniels) has to remember all this stuff and then be preparing for the next episode and all

that dialogue then I'm going to do my best to come up to his bar," she said.

Despite all that effort, Munn jokes about making the dreaded, hypothetical phone call to her mother to say her Hollywood dreams didn't pan out.

"Mom, I'm working at the Jamba Juice now. You get a free boost. And I probably could hook you up with another boost."

Her mother is of Chinese descent but was born and raised in Vietnam.

Munn's parents split when she was young and she says her mother was a tiger mom.

"I'm like, 'You know, my

white friends, their parents aren't forcing them to play piano until 4 a.m.' She's like, 'Your white friends can't play piano.' I'm like, 'OK, good note. Good argument, mom.'"

Munn says initially her mother wasn't keen on the idea of her daughter going into showbiz.

"It took a long time to convince my Asian mother that I could do it because she believed that only one person in the world could become a movie star and that was Tom Cruise. She's like, 'You're not Tom Cruise!'"

Now her mom is her biggest fan.

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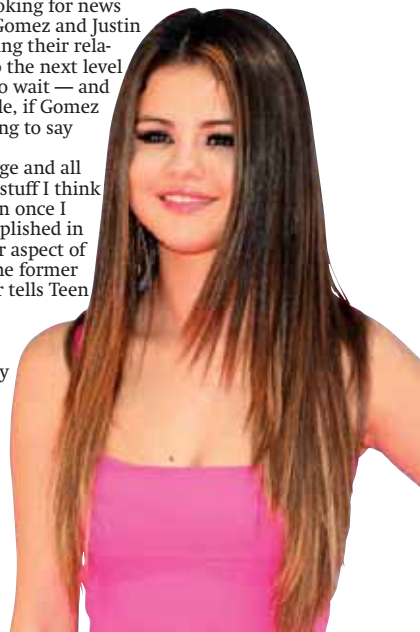


# Married to the Biebs? Not yet

Anyone looking for news of Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber taking their relationship to the next level will have to wait — and wait a while, if Gomez has anything to say about it.

“Marriage and all that other stuff I think will happen once I feel accomplished in every other aspect of my life,” the former Disney star tells Teen Vogue.

“I don’t take anything in my personal life too seriously.”



Jennifer Lopez

## J.Lo not playing around

Jennifer Lopez is suing tabloids Star magazine and In Touch Weekly for running a story alleging that her boyfriend, Casper Smart, has been spending quality time at a New York peepshow that’s known to be a “gay cruising spot,” according to RumorFix.

“These statements are false, malicious and defamatory. Ms. Lopez and Mr. Smart will pursue all remedies available to them under the law,” an attorney for the couple says. A rep insists that Smart was actually visiting a tattoo parlour next door to the club.

## Victoria Beckham the matchmaker

Victoria Beckham’s oldest son, Brooklyn, may only be 13 years old, but she’s already keen on playing matchmaker for him — and she has her eyes on Taylor Swift.

Serving as Guest Editor for the latest issue of Glamour, Beckham describes Swift as “so gorgeous and wholesome that I want my

son to date her someday,” despite a nine-year age difference between the two.

Beckham also reveals that she and husband David having a fifth child isn’t out of the question: “I’d never say never about another baby,” she writes. “It’s a juggling act — a career, family, a husband who’s busy. But I’d never say never.”

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## The Word



## Macaulay Culkin ‘dead in six months’?

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Macaulay Culkin hasn’t been doing much these days, but we just assumed that was because he’s Macaulay Culkin.

The National Enquirer, however, claims that the actor has spent the past few years in a heroin hangover that’s only getting worse.

“He’s been hooked for a year and a half, and his drug of choice is either heroin or oxycodone,” a source tells the paper (which, yes, we read — you’re welcome).

“Mac is surrounding himself with junkies and lowlifes. It’s a real tragedy.”

Despite intervention,

a friend tells the paper he’s not listening, hence the photos of him looking gaunt and dishevelled: “His closest friends fear that he’ll overdose or his heart will explode. If he doesn’t get help and enter rehab now, he could be dead in six months.”

Culkin’s team, however, says there’s no truth to the story.

“The report ... is not only categorically without merit, but it is also impossibly and ridiculously fictitious,” his publicist tells E! Online.

If Culkin is struggling with addiction, we sincerely hope he gets the professional help he needs.

If he isn’t, well, we still sincerely hope he gets the professional help he needs — starting with a shave and ending with a trip above ground. Seriously kid, we have Girl Scout cookie ice cream up here now — join us!



Robert Pattinson. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## The circus must go on

No matter what happens between Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson over the next couple months, they’ll be promoting the final Twilight instalment together this fall.

“While it is studio policy not to comment on the personal lives of actors, Summit is moving full steam ahead and looking forward to this November’s opening of The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn —

Part 2,” Summit’s president of worldwide marketing, Nancy Kirkpatrick, tells E! Online.

“We are confident that the film delivers amazing entertainment for our passionate fans and general audiences alike.”

For the first time, we’re also confident Twilight will deliver amazing entertainment — can we suggest popcorn at the press conference?

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# Bad girl chef Nadia G heats up your backyard

**Long weekend.** The Food Network star offers her tips for throwing a memorable barbecue get-together

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Our favourite bad girl in the kitchen, Nadia G, who is currently in the process of creating season three of her hit Food Network cooking show, *Bitchin' Kitchen*, has two cookbooks under her belt and a style that's all her own. If anyone knows how to throw a rockin' backyard barbecue this long weekend, it's Nadia!

## What are some of your go-to summertime dishes?

I have a bunch of go-to dishes, but I like updating the hotdog by grabbing spicy Italian sausage and using minced giardiniera as the relish. Combing mustard with maple syrup (also gives) the hotdog a new twist.

## Cooking for idiots. What is one thing someone can throw onto the grill that's virtually impossible to screw up?

Anyone can cook anything on a BBQ in foil. That's always a great trick. You're not using the direct heat and you can give the food the time it needs to cook completely.

## If you had to pick: sangria, mojito or beer and why?

I'd have to say a mojito. I'm just a simple girl getting kicked out of bars in three-inch stilts. When things have too much flavour, like sangria, it can be a bit much with



Food Network chef Nadia G. SUBMITTED

all the fruit and the wine, you also got some soda in there.

## Parties can get a little rowdy sometimes. Any advice on how to politely remove a drunken idiot?

How to remove a drunk person? Yeah...I'd have no one left at my backyard party! Ha, ha, ha. What kind of party is that?

## Nadia's Grilled Apricot & Feta Salad

**1.** Vinaigrette: In food processor, blend 4 tbsp olive oil, 3 tbsp of champagne vinegar, honey, vanilla extract, and garlic clove. Fold in the poppy

seeds, sea salt and pepper.

**2.** Apricots: Heat barbecue to medium-high. Baste apricot halves with olive oil. Using tongs, sear fleshy side of apricots 90 seconds, turn over to sear the skin side 1 minute. Remove them from the heat, and let cool.

**3.** Pickled onions: Heat saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion slices, pour remaining champagne vinegar, stir, and simmer until onion slices turn bright pink, 30 seconds. Remove from the heat and cool.

**4.** Divide apricot halves equally among 4 plates. Sprinkle

each serving with 1/4 cup of crumbled feta and tablespoon of pickled onions. Drizzle with vinaigrette, garnish with mint.

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## Ingredients

- extra virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup champagne vinegar
- 1 tbsp creamed honey
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 garlic clove
- 1 tbsp poppy seeds
- sea salt and black pepper
- 8 apricots (halved and pitted)
- 1/2 small red onion (sliced)
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 4 fresh mint leaves

## Liquid Assets

## Lip-smackin' flavours of whiskey



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With all due respect to wine fans, whiskey lovers are the ultimate liquid nerds who collect, study, analyze and keep to the traditions of their chosen spirit.

Much of that tradition has been tossed out the window this summer with a variety of flavoured whiskeys hitting store shelves. For all you aficionados who just called 911, they're bringing a whole new audience to whiskey.

While the Scots have held off for now, North American distillers have jumped on the infused booze bandwagon with the zeal of an audience at a Justin Bieber concert.

Now, before you go all Lemon Gin on me, I've tried them all. Know what? They're quite interesting, particularly Jim Beam's Red Stag Black Cherry Bourbon (\$26.25 - \$28.49).

Though the name alone may be enough to send some American whiskey buffs into convulsions, I was quite charmed by its nice balance of natural black cherry flavour and the bourbon's charred, upfront personality.

Cocktail options abound with the fruit aspect of the booze holding its own against many a mix.

That said, I prefer it served ice cold straight from the fridge all by its lonesome.

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### Skintillating

On display through September 9, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia welcomes SKIN, an art exhibit celebrating the diversity of — you guessed it — skin. Curated by Sarah Fillmore, SKIN is a collaborative exhibit of close to 30 artists from around the world who come together to explore skin in all mediums. The show covers religion, fragility and sexuality in addition to looking beyond the figures and speaking to the "seduction of surface."



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## MacPass Miles. Local runners expected to post fast times

MacPass Miles will be missing one of its stars on Sunday with Halifax runner and Olympian Geoff Harris racing overseas.

"He's a bit busy in London this year," laughed race event director Grant Walker, when asked about last year's runner-up in the men's elite race.

But even with the Olympics overlapping the annual bridge run, Walker doesn't think the overall turnout is going to be affected for the morning race since they've changed the format from an elite race to an open one.

Walker said there still should be some very good times posted by the competing athletes, with two runners defending titles.

"They are going to be some really good local runners this year," he said.

On the men's side, Halifax's Jake Wing is expected to try and become a repeat champion. Justin Blades from Dalhousie University and Bryden Tate from Heatherton, who finished fourth and fifth respectively last year, will attempt to dethrone Wing.

In the women's race, Kelly MacDonald from St. Francis Xavier University is looking to win back-to-back titles. Her biggest challenge could be from Halifax's Rebecca Reeves and Leah Jabbour.

As of Thursday, more than 400 people were registered for the race across the MacDonald Bridge, with action beginning at 9 a.m. **ANDREW CALEY/FOR METRO**

### On the web

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Halifax Mooseheads goaltender Zachary Fucale posted a 3.16 goals-against average and a .892 save percentage in 58 games last season as a 16-year-old rookie. **METRO FILE**

# Fucale hoping his hard work pays off

**Hockey.** Halifax Mooseheads netminder hoping to earn spot on Canada's under-18 summer national team

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Halifax Mooseheads goalie Zachary Fucale burst onto the scene as a 16-year-old phenom last season and now hopes to do the same on a national team.

Starting Friday in Toronto, Fucale, now 17, with fellow Mooseheads Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drou-

in, will compete with 40 of the nation's top under-18 hockey players with dreams of wearing the maple leaf for Canada's National Men's Summer Under-18 Team.

"It's a real honour just to be selected," Fucale said Thursday in a phone interview from his home in Rosémere, Que. "I want to contribute as much as I can to help the country get a gold medal. That's the ultimate goal and we're not going to settle for anything less."

The selection camp runs from Friday through Monday, with the hopefuls jostling for a roster spot for the 2012 Memorial of Ivan Hlinka tournament in the Czech Republic and Slovakia Aug. 13 to 18.

Canada has won gold four years in a row at the event.



Jonathan Drouin, left, and Nathan MacKinnon. **METRO FILES**

Fucale, who is competing against three other goalies for two roster spots, has been on the national program's radar for some time. He was invited to the national goalie camp in Calgary back in June, but this would be his first chance to represent Team Canada at an international competition.

"I've worked really hard this summer and this is a great opportunity for me. I'm going to

work even harder out there — it's going to be a very competitive camp," he said.

With such a high level of competition, Fucale said he is happy to have some familiar faces at the camp.

"I know Jo (Drouin) and Nathan (MacKinnon) are coming in really well prepared. We'll all work very hard and have fun and hopefully we all make the team."

It's been a busy summer for Fucale and he is excited to use all he learns this summer when he returns for Mooseheads training camp later this month.

"Possibly coming back from a high-emotion tournament and going right into camp. I'm really looking forward to everything going on in the next few days and the year ahead."

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A 37-year-old flag-bearer. A 39-year old cyclist. Sailors in their 40s. A retirement-aged show jumper. Canadians might be tempted to think the Olympics are pushing the boundaries of middle age this year, given the vintages of some of the athletes representing this country at the London Games. Scan the code for the story.

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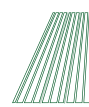
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# A silver lining in second place



The Canadian women's eight celebrate before Thursday's medal ceremony.

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**Rowing.** Canadian women 'can't be disappointed' with silver-medal finish behind U.S.

Andreanne Morin clutched her Olympic silver medal, as if remembering every early morning training session and aching muscle that preceded it.

"For me this is the culmination of my 12 years of rowing," said the 30-year-old from Quebec City, after Canada's second-place finish on Thursday in the women's eight. "I'm talking to you and holding onto this (medal) quite tightly, because it's the proof, the material proof of what I've done."

"It's a lot about the journey and what you live with these teammates. That's how I look at it today. It was an exceptional race, it really was."

The Canadian women lost to an exceptional team. The U.S., champions in Beijing, have not been beaten in six years.

But it was a photo finish in May when the two met at a World Cup in Lucerne, Swit-

zerland, where the U.S. won by just 0.03 seconds.

On Thursday, the powerful Americans led all the way to win in six minutes 10.59 seconds. The Canadians charged at them down the stretch, posting the fastest splits in the final 1,000 metres, but could not peg them back and finished in 6:12.06 ahead of the Dutch in 6:13.12.

"I have to take my hat off to the U.S. crew," said Peter Cookson, Rowing Canada's high performance director. "We literally did everything we could to try to win the race."

"When you look at all the training we did and all the physiology work we did, all the recovery work we did with that

group. And they're an unbelievably great group of women in our Canadian boat. And for them to get beat, that must take a really great crew to beat them."

Cookson noted the women's eight had come from "not a great place in 2009," when they barely made the final at the world championships. Now they are the team keeping the U.S. on their toes.

To a woman, the Canadians were beaming after the race. They were also emotional, knowing a changing of the guard is inevitable after the Olympic quadrennial.

But there were no regrets. The women clambered over the fence in front of the friends

and family section to hug loved ones and show off their medals under the sun at Eton Dorney.

"We went to win and didn't do it, but sure are enjoying the silver," said 52-year-old coxswain Lesley Thompson-Willie. "No regrets, great race."

Lauren Wilkinson of North Vancouver said the Canadians had given it their all.

"Obviously we wish that our bow had been in front but we just gave it our everything," said Wilkinson. "I don't think a single person in that boat had anything left in the tank. So we have no regrets even though it wasn't necessarily the colour of medal we had hoped for."

Added Winnipeg's Janine Hanson: "Silver's great. We can't be disappointed with that at all."

The medal was the second for Canadian rowers here. The men's eight won silver behind Germany on Wednesday.

Also on the Canadian team were Ashley Brzozowicz of London Ont., Krista Guloien, of Port Moody B.C., Darcy Marquardt of Richmond B.C., Natalie Mastracci of Thorold, Ont., and Rachelle Viinberg of Regina. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Phelps beats Lochte for his first solo gold in London

Michael Phelps added to his medal collection with his first individual gold of the London Games, and handed Ryan Lochte a double disappointment on his rival's final night in the pool.

Phelps set the tone right from the start Thursday to become the first male swimmer to win the same individual event at three straight Olympics, capturing the 200-metre individual medley for his 20th career medal — and 16th gold. He touched in 1 minute, 54.27 seconds, just off his winning time in Bei-

jing, but still good enough for gold. Lochte settled for silver and Hungary's Laszlo Cseh took the bronze.

So a farewell games that started as a bit of a disappointment for Phelps is definitely looking up. He's now won two golds and two silvers in five races — not up to his standards when he went 8-for-8 in China four years ago, but a fitting caper to a brilliant career that still has two more events to go.

As soon as Phelps finished off Lochte, he hopped out of the pool and headed

### Phelps vs. Lochte

The number of medals won by the American swimmers:

- **Phelps.** Four medals — two golds and two silvers — with the chance of finishing the Games with six.
- **Lochte.** Five medals — two golds, two silvers, one bronze.

to the nearby diving well to warm down, knowing he still had a semifinal of the 100 butterfly before the night was done. He was the top qualifier in that one, setting up a rematch in Friday's final against Milorad Cavic — a Serbian who still seems to think he got to the wall first in Beijing but lost by a hundredth of a second.

"Going into every call room, I said it's my last semifinal or my last prelim or my last semi of the 100 fly, so tonight is the last semi ever," said Phelps, who plans to retire from swimming as soon as he touches the wall for the final time in London. "We're kind of chalking up all the lasts of certain things."

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Michael Phelps, right, and Ryan Lochte pose with their medals after the men's 200-metre individual medley final on Thursday in London, England. They finished first and second respectively. CLIVE ROSE/GETTY IMAGES

### Five-for-seven

It's back to the classroom for Lesley Thompson-Willie, with a fifth Olympic medal in tow.

- The 52-year-old high school teacher/librarian from London, Ont., is the first Canadian athlete to win medals in five Olympic Games.

- London is Thompson-Willie's seventh Olympics — it would have been eight had it not been for the 1980 boycott of the Moscow Games. She won silver with the four in 1984 and gold with the eight in 1992, silver in 1996 and bronze in 2000.

### Day 6 results

#### MEDAL STANDINGS

##### THROUGH 91 OF 302 EVENTS

Nation	G	S	B	Total
United States	18	9	10	37
China	18	11	5	34
Japan	2	6	11	19
Germany	4	8	5	17
France	4	4	6	16
Russia	3	5	8	16
Britain	5	6	4	15
South Korea	7	2	5	14
Australia	1	7	3	11
Italy	3	5	2	10
Canada	0	2	5	7
Netherlands	2	1	3	6
Ukraine	2	0	4	6
Romania	1	3	2	6
North Korea	4	0	1	5
Hungary	2	1	2	5
Brazil	1	2	2	4
Mexico	0	3	1	4

#### WHAT CANADA DID

**THURSDAY AT THE 2012 London Olympics:**

##### BADMINTON

**Women's doubles** — Alexandra Bruce and Michele Li, both Toronto, lost their semifinal match to Mizuki Fujii and Reika Kakiwa of Japan, 2-1 (21-12, 19-21, 21-13), and will play the Russian team for the bronze medal.

##### BEACH VOLLEYBALL

**Women** — Annie Martin, Lachine, Que., and Marie-Andree Lessard, Lasalle, Que. (0-3 in round-robin), were eliminated after losing 2-1 to Marta Menegatti and Greta Cicolari of Italy.

##### GYMNASTICS

**Women's all-around final** — Dominique Pegg of Sarnia, Ont., placed 17th overall with a score of 55.565 points.

##### JUDO

**Women's under-78 kilogram class** — Amy Cotton, Montreal, lost in the elimination round to Audrey Theumeo, France, by Yuko, De-ashi-barai.

##### ROWING

**Women's lightweight double sculls** — Lindsay Jennerich and Patricia Obee, both Victoria, were fourth in their semifinal in seven minutes 14.83 seconds, and will race in the B-final.

**Women's eights (with coxswain)** — Canada (Ashley Brzozowicz, London, Ont.; Krista Guloien, Port Moody, B.C.; Janine Hanson, Winnipeg; Darcy Marquardt, Richmond, B.C.; Natalie Mastracci, Thorold, Ont.; Andreanne Morin, Quebec City; Lesley Thompson-Willie, London, Ont.; Rachelle Viinberg, Regina; Lauren

**Men's double sculls** — Michael Braithwaite, Duncan, B.C., and Kevin Kowalyk, Winnipeg, placed sixth in the B-final (6:32.61).

**Men's fours** — Canada (William Dean, Kelowna, B.C.; Anthony Jacob, Victoria; Derek O'Farrell, Montreal; Michael Wilkinson, North Vancouver, B.C.) placed fifth in their semifinal (6:08.90) and are relegated to the B-final.

##### SAILING

**49er** — Gordon Cook, Toronto, and Hunter Lowden, West Vancouver, B.C., are in 15th place after eight races with 74 points.

**470** — Luke Ramsay and Mike Leigh, both Vancouver, are 25th overall with 46 points.

**Finn** — following the eighth race, Greg Douglas of Toronto stands 15th overall (105).

**Keelboat/Star** — Richard Clarke, Salt Spring Island, B.C., and Tyler Bjorn, Beaconsfield, Que., are ranked 13th (75 points).

**Men's RS-X (windsurfing)** — Zachary Plavsky, Vancouver, is eighth overall through six races (40).

**Women's RS-X (windsurfing)** — after six events, Nikola Girke of West Vancouver, B.C., is ninth (40).

##### SWIMMING

**Women's 200 backstroke** — Sinead Russell, Burlington, Ont., was seventh in qualifying (2:09.04), and earned a berth in Friday's final with the eighth-best time in the semifinals (2:08.76); Hilary Caldwell, White Rock, B.C., did not advance beyond qualifying (2:10.75).

**Women's 200 breaststroke** — Martha McCabe, Toronto, placed fifth in the final (2:23.16) — 2.24 seconds out of the bronze medal.

**Women's 800 freestyle** — Alexa Komarnycky, Victoria, placed 11th overall in qualifying (8:28.11); Savannah King, Toronto, was 15th (8:29.71); neither qualified for the final.

**Men's 50 freestyle** — Brent Hayden of Mission, B.C., was 13th overall in qualifying (22.15), but did not advance beyond the semifinals where he tied for 14th (22.12).

**Men's 100 butterfly** — 20. Joe Bartoch, London, Ont., was 20th overall in qualifying (53.09), did not advance.

##### SOCCER

##### WOMEN

##### QUARTER-FINALS

**Friday's games** — All Times Eastern

Sweden vs. France, 7 a.m.

United States vs. New Zealand, 9:30 a.m.

#### BASKETBALL

##### MEN

##### FIRST ROUND

##### Group A

Team	W	L	Pts
United States	3	0	6
France	2	1	4
Argentina	2	1	4
Lithuania	1	2	2
Nigeria	1	2	2
Tunisia	0	3	0

##### Group B

Team	W	L	Pts
Russia	3	0	6
Spain	3	0	6
Brazil	2	1	4
Australia	1	2	2
Britain	0	3	0
China	0	3	0

##### Thursday's results

Argentina 92 Tunisia 69  
Australia 81 China 61  
France 82 Lithuania 74  
Russia 75 Brazil 74  
Spain 79 Britain 78  
United States 156 Nigeria 73

##### WOMEN

##### FIRST ROUND

##### Group A

Team	W	L	Pts
China	3	0	6
United States	3	0	6
Turkey	2	1	4
Czech Republic	1	2	2
Croatia	0	3	0
Angola	0	3	0

##### Group B

Team	W	L	Pts
Russia	3	0	6
Australia	2	1	4
Canada	1	2	2
Britain	0	2	0
Brazil	0	2	0

##### Friday's games

All Times Eastern  
Angola vs. Croatia, 4 a.m.  
Russia vs. Australia, 6:15 a.m.  
Brazil vs. Canada, 9:30 a.m.  
Turkey vs. China, 11:45 a.m.  
France vs. Britain, 3 p.m.  
Czech Republic vs. United States, 5:15 p.m.

#### SWIMMING

##### WOMEN

##### 200 BREASTSTROKE

##### Final

1. Rebecca Soni, United States, 2:19.59.
2. Satomi Suzuki, Japan, 2:20.72.
3. Iuliia Efremova, Russia, 2:20.92.
4. Rikke Pedersen, Denmark, 2:21.65.
5. Martha McCabe, Toronto, 2:23.16.
6. Micah Lawrence, United States, 2:23.77.



# Bolt's chance to take over London

**Track and field.** 2008's 100-metre champion wants to be 'living legend,' but will face big test in countryman Blake

By the time Usain Bolt's showboating, record-breaking, gold-gobbling act on the track got revved up at the Beijing Games four years ago, Michael Phelps was already firmly established as the star of those Olympics.

Nothing anyone did — even Bolt's unprecedented sweep of the 100, 200 and 4x100-metre relay with best-in-history times — could possibly steal the spotlight from Phelps and his eight-gold performance in the pool.

Now it's a different story. The first week of the London Olympics left a noticeable vacancy on centre stage. As if on cue, up steps Bolt, the effervescent Jamaican sprinter who comes in with the most to win, and lose, as the 10-day athletics meet begins Friday at 80,000-seat Olympic Stadium.

Bolt wants nothing less than to become a "living legend" and is well aware that



An image of Usain Bolt is projected onto the British Houses of Parliament during last Friday's opening ceremony. FENG LI/GETTY IMAGES FILE

repeat victories in the two individual sprints will put him there. Of course, he'll need to be better than countryman Yohan Blake, who upset Bolt in the 100 and 200 finals at the Jamaican trials.

Win or not, Bolt is guaranteeing a good show.

"Hands down. For sure," he said. "I'm thinking this could easily be one of the fastest 100 metres anybody has ever seen, because these

guys have shown a lot of potential throughout the season. There are guys that have been running fast, especially because it's an Olympic year."

Bolt was coasting, thumping his chest before he

crossed the finish line when he set the world record in Beijing at 9.69 seconds. At the world championships a year later, he lowered it to 9.58. Bolt and his coach, Glen Mills, both say a 100-metre run in

## Quoted



"There's no pressure. Yes, I'm the fastest man in the world right now

and some people say I'm the man to beat, but when we're on the line, it's different."

Jamaica's Yohan Blake

the 9.4-second range is possible, but only if the weather in London co-operates. The forecast for Sunday's final calls for murky skies with a 30 per cent chance of rain.

Beyond Bolt and Blake, nearly every main contender in the marquee event has a good story to tell. There are Americans Tyson Gay (often injured, still in search of an Olympic medal) and Justin Gatlin (2004 Olympic champion, back in 2012 after a four-year doping ban), and another Jamaican, 29-year-old Asafa Powell, a former world-record holder who is still fast.

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## 3 to watch this weekend



### Women's soccer

Canada plays for its first-ever spot in the final four when they battle Great Britain.

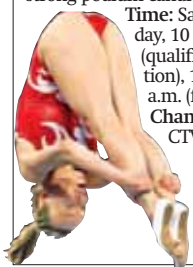
It won't be an easy one for the seventh-ranked Canadians. Britain has been a big surprise, winning all three preliminary-round games without allowing a goal.  
Time: Friday, 3:30 p.m.  
Channel: OLN

### Women's trampoline

Karen Cockburn, pictured, will try to add to her three Olympic medals (two silver, one bronze) while Rosanagh MacLennan looks for her first.

Both Canadians are strong podium candidates.

Time: Saturday, 10 a.m. (qualification), 11:20 a.m. (final).  
Channel: CTV



### Women's diving

Jennifer Abel brought Canada its first medal in 2012, a bronze in the three-metre synchronized with Emilie Heymans, last Sunday. Abel will be looking for more in this weekend's three-metre individual springboard.

Time: Sunday, p.m. (final).  
Channel: TSN  
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Canada's Alex Bruce, left, and Michelle Li eye a shot during their semifinal match against Japan in women's doubles badminton at the 2012 Summer Olympics, Thursday. Japan won the match 2-1. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Canadian duo 'Bruce Li' squeak into bronze match

Canada's Alex Bruce and Michelle Li will play for a bronze medal in badminton, thanks to a shuttlecock scandal that has rocked the sport at the London Olympics.

The Toronto players were beaten by No. 4 seeds Mizuki Fujii and Reika Kakiwa 21-12, 19-21, 21-13 in the doubles semifinals Thursday.

They'll play Russians Valeria Sorokina and Nina Vislova for third-place Saturday at Wembley Arena in an unlikely Olympic storyline neither Canadian could have

envisioned.

The 22-year-old Bruce and 20-year-old Li — known on the badminton circuit as Bruce Li — thought their Games were over barely a day earlier, but found themselves in the semifinals after eight players were expelled from the competition for losing on purpose.

Canada has never qualified for the semifinals or won an Olympic medal in badminton.

The Canadians, No. 27 in the world, were prepared to head home after they finished last in their pool by a com-

bined score of 126-52.

But two of those defeats came against teams that were disqualified Wednesday, accused of throwing their matches to set up a more advantageous path through the medal round.

The Canadians, gold medalists at the Pan American Games last fall in Mexico, were reinstated and just hours later went on to defeat Australia's Leanne Choo and Renuga Veeran in the quarterfinals.

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## Swimming

### Hayden back in pool hours after win

Celebrating an Olympic medal all night instead of swimming another race was not an option for Brent Hayden.

Hours after winning his bronze in the 100 freestyle, Hayden was back on the start blocks in the 50-metre

freestyle Thursday. He didn't make it to the final, but he still felt it was worth doing.

"I'm in an event in the Olympics," Hayden said. "You've got take that opportunity. For me, it's never going to come around again."

"I knew I was an outside shot, but I knew if I did nail my race, I knew that I would have actually had a shot ... and maybe even go for a podium." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Brent Hayden prepares for his 50m freestyle semifinal on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



## Basketball. U.S. send message with blowout win

The U.S. team had scored 100 points by the middle of the third quarter. It was that kind of night for the Americans.

Two Olympic marks fell.

Carmelo Anthony scored 37 points, dropping 10 of 12 three-pointers, and the Americans rewrote the Olympic record book with a scintillating shooting performance and 156-73 win over Nigeria on Thursday night, an epic blowout that seemed to

send a message to the rest of the men's tournament field.

Anthony set the American Olympic mark for points in a game — in less than three quarters. The U.S. also set the Olympic record for points in a game and points in a half (78). The Americans bettered the U.S. records as well for three-pointers (26), field goals (59) and field-goal percentage (71).

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U.S. forward Carmelo Anthony shoots against Nigeria on Thursday night.  
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## Armstrong preparing to launch Canada onto track podium



Canada's Dylan Armstrong competes in the men's shot put final at the World Athletics Championships in Daegu, South Korea, last September.  
DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Shot put.** After missing out on a medal in Beijing by less than a centimetre, the 345-pounder has worked his way up international rankings

in the world.

Athletics Canada head coach Alex Gardiner believes Armstrong is on pace for a strong performance.

"He's recorded a couple of workouts that have been better than any he's had in his life," Gardiner said. "When I heard from him three days ago that he had a personal best in one of his training sessions, I know that he's ready. And he's honest as the day is long."

Armstrong, who's been training in Portugal since the Olympic trials last month in Calgary, has battled back from an elbow injury that kept him out of the final at the world indoor championships. He goes into the event with the eighth-best throw in the world this year — 21.50 metres. His Canadian record, set last year, is 22.21.

"He's ready, he's healthy," Gardiner said. "The elbow problem he had is gone. He's protecting his energy right now."

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### Canadian hopeful

Nine Canadians compete on the first day of track and field Friday, including Jessica Zelinka of London, Ont., who is gunning for a podium finish in the heptathlon after finishing fifth four years ago in Beijing.

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Dylan Armstrong has worked the last four years for this day, when he hopes to erase the disappointment of Beijing with one launch of the shot put.

The 31-year-old from Kamloops, B.C., competes on the first day of track and field Friday at the London Olympics, four years after he missed a medal by less than a centimetre and finished fourth at the Beijing Games.

Since then, the six-foot-four, 345-pound mountain of a man has worked his way up the international rankings, and was No. 1 in the world last year.

Armstrong is Canada's top hope for a track and field medal in London, but the shot put field is stacked, and the Canadian believes there are up to six throwers that could climb the top step of the podium — including Americans Christian Cantwell, Reese Hoffa and Ryan Whiting, ranked No. 1-3

### Quoted

"He's recorded a couple of workouts that have been better than any he's had in his life."

Alex Gardiner, head coach of Athletics Canada, believes Dylan Armstrong is poised to perform well in the shot put

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# New Broncos pivot manning up

**NFL.** Peyton Manning in rare form well before start of season; finds solid target in Demaryius Thomas

Even with Eric Decker down, Peyton Manning didn't miss a beat.

Decker has been the star of the Broncos' training camp so far, but when he went out with a strained groin, Demaryius Thomas stepped up to solidify his standing in Manning's eyes and with Denver's refurbished offence.

Thomas made several big catches Thursday, even turning a rare wobbly pass from Manning into a 35-yard TD when he outleapt Drayton Florence and Raheem Moore at the goal-line. Another time, he gave Tracy Porter a taste of the stiff-arm he used on Ike Taylor to beat Pittsburgh in the playoffs.

Whether on posts, curls or slants, Thomas was there to haul in Manning's fastballs during the no-huddle work to the delight of the 5,034 in attendance at Dove Valley.

"Well, I think Demaryius has had a really good camp even when Eric's been practising," Manning said. "Demaryius is a guy that we are going to feature. His size and strength and speed just allows you to do certain things with him that other players just can't do. And so, Eric's had a really good camp. He's just got a little tweak, hopefully he'll be back this afternoon or tomorrow."

"But I thought Demaryius these last two days has really made some big plays, he's done some good things with the ball after the catch, which is what we're going to need," Manning added.

After all, Manning's game is built on finding the hole in the defence and getting the ball there as quickly as possible so his receiver can use his legs to turn short passes into long plays.

"You can't just throw down the field every time," Manning said. "You've got to be able to take a five-yard hitch or a little 10-yard hook route and turn it into a 20-yard or a 30-yard gain and he's kind of shown those type of plays these past two days." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Peyton Manning, left, leads fellow Denver Broncos quarterbacks Caleb Hanie and Adam Weber, right, off the field following the afternoon session of their training camp in Englewood, Colo., on July 26. JACK DEMPSEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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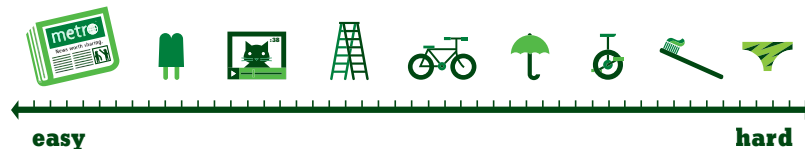
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## Horoscopes

### Aries

**March 21 - April 20**

You will find it hard to get through your "to do" list today — your heart is just not in it. In which case, why not take the hint and relax for a while? It's not as if you haven't earned it.

### Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

You may be tempted to cut a deal that gives you less than you know you are worth but you are strongly advised not to do it. If you give in once, you will be expected to do it again and again.

### Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**

You seem to be at peace with yourself at the moment, which isn't something you can say too often. Wherever you go and whatever you do, nothing will faze you. If only every day could be this easy!

### Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**

If you are a typical Cancerian you will want to do something creative today, something in which you can involve both your head and your hands. It will be more exciting if you do it with like-minded people.

### Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

You are in a generous mood at the moment — you want to share your good fortune with the whole world. That may not be possible but you can share it with a special few, who in turn will share it with others.

### Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

Do you tell a friend what they need to hear, or what they want to hear? It's got to be the former, even though they may dislike what you say and dislike you for saying it. They'll thank you one day.

### Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

Find a way to escape the daily grind, if only for a few hours. You need to spend some time by yourself to get your thoughts in order and decide what you ought to do next. Clear a space for your mind.

### Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

Take time out from your busy schedule today to get to know someone who is sending you signals you cannot ignore. Could it be the start of a new romantic relationship? Yes. But it's not the only possibility.

### Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

How often do you say the three magic words "I love you"? Not often enough. Make it your number one priority today to remind the most special person in your life that you still care deeply for him or her.

### Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

You may be a bit of a workaholic by nature but you can sense it is time to slow down. As the week draws to a close you should draw a line between work time and play time — and favour the latter.

### Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

You are in love with the world and everyone in it. Well, OK, maybe not everyone, but most people, the good people, the ones who share your desire to make the world a better place. Very few don't.

### Pisces

**Feb. 20 - March 20**

There is something you want to say but are reluctant to do so because you fear it won't go down well with loved ones. Maybe it won't, but the truth is the truth. Sooner or later, it is sure to come out.  
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## Crossword: This, That, and the Other

### Across

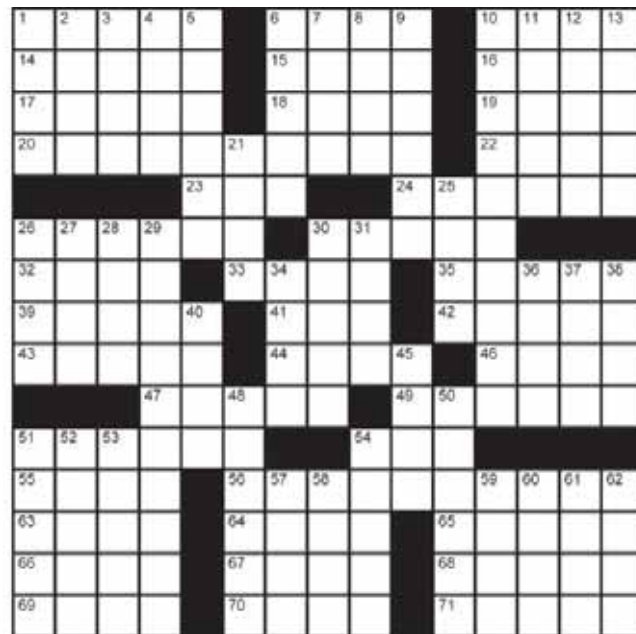
- Apple devices with earbuds
- Body art, slangily
- Cabaret star Minnelli
- Chart again
- "Ah! Say no more"
- "... unto us \_\_\_ is given": Isaiah 9:6, foretelling the birth of Jesus
- From the Emerald Isle
- Come-on
- William Lyon Mackenzie \_\_\_: 10th Prime Minister
- Saint John, NB-born Donald who starred in the remake of Invasion of the Body Snatchers and Eye of the Needle
- Québec summers
- Cowboy actor Rogers
- Sign up for military service
- Lowered the lights
- Calgary Stampede, at heart
- Operatic solo
- 007's alma mater (as well as Ian Fleming's)
- "Also" in Québec
- Swedish strongman actor Lundgren (Rocky IV, The Expendables)
- Wide wonder
- 747 flier
- Foot joint
- Duo
- Easily molded
- \_\_\_ DeGeneres
- Canada's best known retailer, familiarly
- #1 1980 Blondie tune

about phoning

- Observe
- "\_\_\_ sow, so shall ..."
- Canada's third largest financial institution
- Almond \_\_\_: toffee candy
- Ripped
- Claw
- Artificial grass
- Red-wrapped cheese
- Make happy
- "Sad to say..."
- Fam. members
- Sign up for more magazine issues

### Down

- Center of the eye
- Lima's land
- Decide not to include
- Track sprint
- Orb
- Canadian actress and poker player Jennifer (Oscar-nominated for Bullets Over Broadway) or younger sister actress Meg
- Largest continent
- Nashville's state: abbr.
- Sowed grass
- Rocky Mountains best known vacation destination after Banff
- "Lord, \_\_\_?": Last Supper question
- Daydreams, with "out"
- Acute feeling of anxiety
- Went on horseback
- Bi-monthly tide
- Baby's second word,



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- Teeny
- Captaincy
- Trans-Canada Highway, in short
- PM Pearson
- Wintertime appliance
- Magna \_\_\_
- "Don't tell \_\_\_!": "Mum's the word!"
- Du Pont trademarked stretch material

- Plant supports
- The Da Vinci \_\_\_
- Spoken
- Hay amount
- Actor Alda
- Brief bit of correspondence
- Felt certain

## Yesterday's crossword



## What's online

See today's answers at [metronews.ca/answers](http://metronews.ca/answers).

## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

7	4	2	8	5	1	3	6	9
1	8	3	4	9	6	2	7	5
5	9	6	7	3	2	1	8	4
3	7	9	2	1	5	8	4	6
8	2	4	8	7	9	5	1	3
6	5	1	3	8	4	9	2	7
9	1	7	5	4	8	6	3	2
4	6	5	1	2	3	7	9	8
2	3	8	9	6	7	4	5	1

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